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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each document cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 (formerly 1449) is enclosed.

This information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of a first office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1114.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the information attached and return an initialed copy of the attached form to the attorney of record.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees that might be required as a result of this communication to **Deposit Account 50-2819**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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